



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Gerhard Spitz

Application No.: 10/822,628

Filed: April 12, 2004

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
PRODUCING A CLOSED METAL PROFILE
OR METAL TUBE WITH WALL THICKNESS
VARYING IN THE LONGITUDINAL
DIRECTION

Group: 3725

Examiner: Not Yet Known

Our File: LBP-PT038

Date: August 5, 2004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to Applicant's Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Pursuant to Pre-Official Gazette Notice signed July 11, 2003 waiving the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. documents have not been included. Copies of all other cited references are enclosed.

The enclosed references were cited in an Examination Report dated January 20, 2004, copy enclosed, from corresponding German Application No. 103 16 336.0. EP 0 133 705 is referenced in the Examination Report as D3, and is in the English language. DE 196 04 357 A1 is referenced in the Examination Report as D4, and is referenced generally as disclosing a process for the production of a closed metal profile or metal tube having a wall thickness that varies along the longitudinal axis, which includes the process steps of:

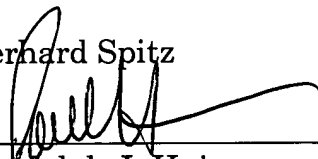
-- forming a sheet strip having a sheet thickness that varies along its length with roll forming equipment into a profile or tube, and

-- welding together the closed formed facing sides of the sheet strip to form a closed profile or tube.

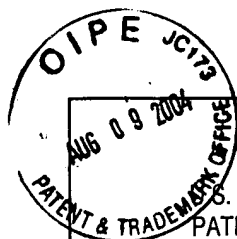
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	AA	0 133 705 B1	03/1985	Europe			X	
	AB	196 04 357 A1	08/1997	Germany				X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.